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FORM TO BE USED BY A PRISONER IN FILING A COMPLAINT
UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 42 U.S.C. §1983

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

JAMES A. WILSON, ET. AL. see Attachment,

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

(Enter above the full name of the plaintiff in this action)

on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated,

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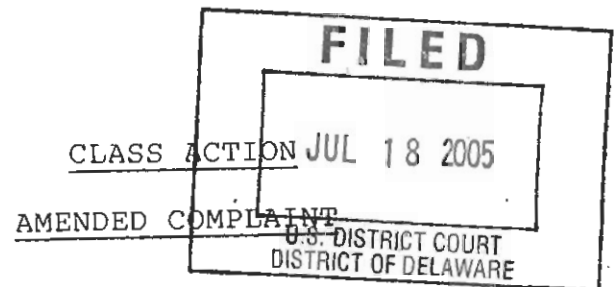
Plaintiffs,

STANLEY TAYLOR, Individually and Official Capacity as Commissioner D.O.C.

RICK KEARNEY, Individually and Official Capacity as Warden, S.C.I.

and the DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

(Enter above the full name of the defendant(s) in this action)



I. Previous lawsuits

A. Have you begun other lawsuits in state or federal courts dealing with the same facts involved in this action or otherwise relating to your imprisonment?

YES ☒ NO

B. If your answer to A is yes, describe the lawsuit in the space below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another piece of paper, using the same outline).

1. Parties to this previous lawsuit

Plaintiffs Gregory Hubbard, et. al. C.A. No.: oo-531 SLR

Overcrowdedness

Defendants Stanley Taylor, Raphael Williams, M. Jane Brady

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2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT DELAWARE

3. Docket number Civil Action No.: 00-531

4. Name of judge to whom case was assigned Sue L. Robinson

5. Disposition (for example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed?
Is it still pending?)

Remanded back to District Court by Order of Court of Appeals

6. Approximate date of filing lawsuit 4/25/00

7. Approximate date of disposition _____

II. A. Is there a prisoner grievance procedure in this institution? Yes [☒] No [☐]

B. Did you present the facts relating to your complaint in the state prisoner grievance procedure? Yes [☒] No [☐]

C. If your answer is YES,

1. What steps did you take? Filed Grievance for some things

that was Grievable and received no change and other claims not
Grievable

2. What was the result? No change, and was told not Grievable

D. If your answer is NO, explain why not _____

some Claims are not Grievable

E. If there is no prison grievance procedure in the institution, did you complain to prison authorities? Yes [☐] No [☒]

F. If your answer is YES,

1. What steps did you take? N/A

2. What was the result? _____

III. Parties

(In item A below, place your name in the first blank and place your present address in the second blank. Do the same for additional plaintiffs, if any.)

A. Name of Plaintiff James A. Wilson, ET.AL. see Attachment

Address S.C.I. P.O.Box 500Georgetown, DE. 19947

(In item B below, place the full name of the defendant in the first blank, his official position in the second blank, and his place of employment in the third blank. Use item C for the names, positions, and place of employment of any additional defendants.)

B. Defendant Stanley Taylor is employed as Commissioner

at Department of Corrections

C. Additional Defendants Rick KearneyWarden of S.C.I.

IV. Statement of Claim

(State here as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant is involved. Include also the names of other persons involved, dates, and places. Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. Use as much space as you need. Attach extra sheet if necessary.)

See Attached

EXAMPLE

An example of Black Inmates being denied Equal Protection and Due Process in Disciplinary Hearings as well as Classification is when Inmate Nathan Henry was found guilty for Disobeying an order write up written by CPL. J. Stolzenbach by LT. Hollis who is th Merit Building LT. and who also sit in on Inmate Henry Classification which resorted in himbeing Classified to a higher security.

Inmate Henry Appealed his write up, however, he was classified and moved out of the building before receiving any response from his appeal. Inmate Henry lost his job liberty as well as his Merit/Minimum Status before Due Process was complete. This is a typical action toward Black Inmates at S.C.I. while white Inmates gets to remain at there status and find a new job which is supported by Classification Counselor and Lt. of the building as well as the MDT Board. S.C.I. only has one Black Counselor while the majority of inmates are black.

Inmate Henry also served his disciplinary sanction while his appeal was still in motion. Inmate Henry was given an order by Cpl. Stozenbach to clean the showers because he was the tier man. Inmate Henry cleaned the showers and then returned to his daily activities. Cpl. Stozenbach made a statement to Inmate Henry that he did a half hearted job, then walked away an wrote Inmate Henry up for disobeying an order. Cpl. Stozenbach never gave Inmate Henry another order to redue the showers. There is no specific rule stating that the showers has to be clean a certain way, yet Inmate Henry was sanctioned for a rule that was never displayed concerning how the showers was to be clean. Due Process requires that inmates receive fair notice of a rule before they can be sanctioned for its violation.

Another example of Black Inmates being denied Equal Protection and Due Process is when Inmate Pedro Cintra was was spyied with mace as he walked bakcwards from Sgt. Mears who requested his ID, Inmate Pedro was taken to A.S.D.A., lost his job and his Merit/Minimum status. Inmate Pedro is also Black. Refusing to give up an ID do not require the action of being spyied with mace nor does it require excess force. Sgt. Mears was accompanied by Cpl. Stolzenbach who could have did something to prevent this, however, blacks are more likely to receive excess force by Officers than white inmates.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

1. Black Inmate's are denied procedural due process hearings at S.C.I., in classification, jobs, and disciplinary actions.
2. Black Inmate's are the majority at the prison.
3. Blacks are more likely to be sprayed with meace because of their race.
4. Black Inmate's are more likely to be classified to higher security and moved before due process proceedings are done.
4. Black Inmate's are being discriminated against in Classification, Jobs, and Disciplinary Actions.
5. Black Inmates are being denied Equal Protection Clause in Jobs, Classification, and Disciplinary proceedings.
6. Inmates are being sold out dated products from commissary.
7. Inmates are being sold product that contain pork without notice.
8. Commissary prices are increasing and Inmate wages remain the same.
9. Phone call rates are too high for Inmates to call home on regular basis.
10. Inmate Fund is being used inappropriately by the institution.
11. All Muslim Sects are being forced to worship together.

~~AMENDED~~/AMENDED STATEMENT OF CLAIM

12. The Merit Building is a Minimum "High" security Unit of the Sussex Correctional Institution that housed approximately 120 prisoners. There are two (2) sections of the building for housing, eastside tier and westside tier.
13. Well before the filing of the Original Complaint in this action, the Eastside of the Merit have housed and continue to housed predominantly white prisoners and is referred by Defendants as the "goodside".
14. Well before the filing of the Original Complaint in this action, the Westside of the Merit have housed and continue to housed predominantly black prisoners and is referred by Defendants as the "badside".

Disciplinary-Intentional Racial Discrimination

15. Black prisoners in the Merit Building, primarily if not exclusively westside black prisoners, receive excessively more disciplinary infractions by the Defendants.

16. Black prisoners in the Merit Building, primarily if not exclusively westside black prisoners, are deny procedural due process at disciplinary hearing as follow:

- a) refusal to call black prisoners' witnesses;
- b) failure to provide a meaningful explanation of finding of guilt;
- c) convicting black prisoners of disciplinary offenses that are unsupported by any evidence; and
- d) supervisory official failure to correct due process violations on administrative appeal.

Classification-Intentional Racial Discrimination

17. Black prisoners in the Merit Building, primarily if not exclusively westside black prisoners, are immediately classiiified to a higher security and transfered out of the Merit Building for not performing job task satisfactory, fired from job, or quitting a job. Whereas, similiary situated white inmates are classified to different jobs and remained in the Merit Building.

18. Black prisoners in the Merit Building, primarily if not exclusively westside black prisoners, are classified to the kitchen and remained there until they are fired or quit, whereas similiary situated white inmates are classified out of the kitchen to more desirable and better-paid inmate jobs.

19. Black prisoners in the Merit Building, have been intentionally and purposefully denied jobs with the maintenance crew and special projects crew because of their race.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I - BLACK PRISONERS DENIED EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW

20. As alleged above in paragraph 4, 12 to 19, Defendants have failed to classified Plaintiffs in a rational manner.

21. Defendants have discriminated against black members of the plaintiff class, by intentionally and purposefully excluding them from more desirable and better - paid jobs because of their race, lacks objective criteria for assigning jobs to prison inmates, and have failed to implement a system to prevent illegal discrimination in job placement. Defendants' policies, practices, acts and omissions constitutes unequal treatment to black prisoners and violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

COUNT II - BLACK PRISONERS DENIED DUE PROCESS CLAUSE

22. As alleged in paragraphs 1, 4, 5 to 19, Defendants have denied Plaintiffs due process and equal protection of the law.

23. Defendants have intentionally and purposefully refuses to call any witnesses requested by plaintiffs, find plaintiffs guilty with no evidence, and provide an inadequate disposition of charges denying the black members of the plaintiff class, the due process of law in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

24. Defendants have intentionally and purposefully refused to overturn the black members of the plaintiff's class disciplinary conviction, despite their knowledge of the above due process violations, constitution deliberate indifference and further denial the plaintiffs the due process of law in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

NO ADEQUATE REMEDY AT LAW

25. As a proximate result of Defendants' policies, practices, acts and omissions, Plaintiffs have suffered, do suffer and will continue to suffer immediate and irreparable injury, including physical, psychological and emotional injury. Plaintiffs have no plain, adequate or complete remedy at law to redress the wrongs described herein. Injunctive relief sought by Plaintiffs is necessary to prevent continued and further injury.

V. Relief

(State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments.
Cite no cases or statutes.)

See Attachment

Signed this JUNE day of 10, 2005

James A. Wilson et al
(Signature of Plaintiff)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

6/10/05
Date

James A. Wilson et al
(Signature of Plaintiff)

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, request that this Court:

- a. Assume jurisdiction of this action;
- b. Issue an order certifying this action to proceed as a class pursuant to Rule 23 (a) and (b) (2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
- c. Issue a declaratory judgment pursuant the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that the policies, practices, acts and omissions complained of herein violate Plaintiff' rights;
- d. Issue a preliminary and permanent injunctive relief sufficient to rectify the unconstitutional and unlawful acts, policies, practices complained of herein;
- e. Retain jurisdiction over Defendants until such time as the Court is satisfied that their unlawful policies, practices, acts and emissions complained of herein no longer exist and will not recur;
- f. Order a temporary restraining order be issued against the Defendants to prevent any physical, mental, direct or indirect harassment, treatment, or unfair classification, administrative movement, or illegal transfers of Plaintiff's as a result of their filing this Class Action Civil Complaint;
- g. Award damages to the Plaintiffs in an amount in excess of \$100,000;
- h. Award such other further relief as to this Court seems just and proper.

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